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1 Identification of substance:

Product details:

Product name: Tetramethylphosphonium bromide

Stock number: A17907 Manufacturer/Supplier:

Alfa Aesar, A Johnson Matthey Company Johnson Matthey Catalog Company, Inc.

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Ward Hill, MA 01835-8099 Emergency Phone: (978) 521-6300 CHEMTREC: (800) 424-9300

Web Site: www.alfa.com

Information Department: Health, Safety and Environmental Department

Emergency information:

During normal hours the Health, Safety and Environmental Department. After normal hours call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300.

2 Composition/Data on components:

Chemical characterization:

Description: (CAS#)

Tetramethylphosphonium bromide (CAS# 4519-28-2): 100%

3 Hazards identification

Hazard description:



Xi Irritant

Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment

R 36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Classification system

HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)

(Hazardous Materials Identification System)



Health (acute effects) = 1
Flammability = 1
Reactivity = 1

GHS label elements



3.2/2 - Causes skin irritation.

Warning

3.3/2A - Causes serious eye irritation.

3.8/3 - May cause respiratory irritation.

Prevention:

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

${\tt Response:}$

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if

present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Specific treatment (see label).

If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Store locked up.

Disposal:

 ${\it Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.}$

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4 First aid measures

After inhalation

Supply fresh air. If required, provide artificial respiration. Keep patient warm.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After skin contact

Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

Seek immediate medical advice.

After eye contact

Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

After swallowing Seek immediate medical advice.

5 Fire fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing agents

Carbon dioxide, extinguishing powder or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.

Special hazards caused by the material, its products of combustion or resulting gases:

In case of fire, the following can be released:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Hydrogen bromide (HBr)

Phosphorus oxides

Protective equipment:

Wear self-contained respirator.

Wear fully protective impervious suit.

6 Accidental release measures

Person-related safety precautions:

Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.

Ensure adequate ventilation

Measures for environmental protection:

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

Measures for cleaning/collecting: Ensure adequate ventilation.

Additional information:

See Section 7 for information on safe handling

See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.

See Section 13 for disposal information.

7 Handling and storage

Handling

Information for safe handling:

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry place in tightly closed containers.

Ensure good ventilation at the workplace.

Information about protection against explosions and fires: Keep ignition sources away.

Storage

Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles: No special requirements.

Information about storage in one common storage facility:

Store away from water/moisture.

Store away from oxidizing agents.

Further information about storage conditions:

This product is hygroscopic.

Keep container tightly sealed.

Store in cool, dry conditions in well sealed containers.

Protect from humidity and water.

8 Exposure controls and personal protection

Additional information about design of technical systems:

Properly operating chemical fume hood designed for hazardous chemicals and having an average face velocity of at least 100 feet per minute.

Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace: Not required. Additional information: No data

Personal protective equipment

General protective and hygienic measures

The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.

Remove all soiled and contaminated clothing immediately.

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Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.

Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

Breathing equipment: Use suitable respirator when high concentrations are present.

Protection of hands:

Impervious gloves

Check protective gloves prior to each use for their proper condition.

Material of gloves

The selection of suitable gloves not only depends on the material, but also on quality.

Quality will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.

Eye protection: Safety glasses

Body protection: Protective work clothing.

9 Physical and chemical properties:

Form:	Crystalline powder
Color:	White
Odor:	Not determined
Change in condition	
Melting point/Melting range:	Not determined
Boiling point/Boiling range:	Not determined
Sublimation temperature / start:	Not determined
Flash point:	Not applicable
Ignition temperature:	Not determined
Decomposition temperature:	Not determined
Danger of explosion:	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
Explosion limits:	
Lower:	Not determined
Upper:	Not determined
Vapor pressure:	Not determined
Density:	Not determined

10 Stability and reactivity

Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:

Decomposition will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

Materials to be avoided:

Water/moisture

Oxidizing agents

Dangerous reactions No dangerous reactions known

Dangerous products of decomposition:

Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide

Hydrogen bromide

Phosphorus oxides (e.g. P205)

11 Toxicological information

Acute toxicity:

Primary irritant effect:

on the skin: Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

on the eye: Irritating effect.

Sensitization: No sensitizing effects known.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Inorganic bromides may produce depression, emaciation and in severe cases, psychosis and mental deterioration. Bromoderma, a bromide rash, often occurs when bromide inhalation or administration is prolonged. This rash is usually found on the face and resembles acne and furunculosis.

Subacute to chronic toxicity:

Organic phosphorus compounds exhibit a wide range of toxicity. Most are skin and eye irritants with the more volatile also being respiratory irritants. Those exhibiting substantial water reactivity will have stronger irritating properties and may be corrosive enough to cause severe burns. Some organic phosphorus compounds are cholinesterase inhibitors. Symptoms associated with these include muscle twitching, convulsions, flaccid paralysis, coma, respiratory failure. They can be highly paralytic.

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Additional toxicological information:

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

No classification data on carcinogenic properties of this material is available from the EPA, IARC, NTP, OSHA or ACGIH.

12 Ecological information:

General notes:

Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.

Do not allow material to be released to the environment without proper governmental permits.

13 Disposal considerations

Product

Recommendation Consult state, local or national regulations to ensure proper disposal.

Uncleaned packagings:

Recommendation: Disposal must be made according to official regulations.

14 Transport information

Not a hazardous material for transportation.

DOT regulations:

Hazard class: None

Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)

ADR/RID class: None

Maritime transport IMDG:

IMDG Class: None

Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:

ICAO/IATA Class: None

Transport/Additional information: Not dangerous according to the above specifications.

15 Regulations

Product related hazard informations:

Hazard symbols:

Xi Irritant

Risk phrases:

36/37/38 Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.

Safety phrases:

- 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- 37 Wear suitable gloves.

National regulations

This product is not listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory. Use of this product is restricted to research and development only.

Some or all of the components of this product are not listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or the Canadian Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

Information about limitation of use: For use only by technically qualified individuals.

16 Other information:

Employers should use this information only as a supplement to other information gathered by them, and should make independent judgement of suitability of this information to ensure proper use and protect the health and safety of employees. This information is furnished without warranty, and any use of the product not in conformance with this Material Safety Data Sheet, or in combination with any other product or process, is the responsibility of the user.

Department issuing MSDS: Health, Safety and Environmental Department.

Contact: Zachariah Holt

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ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)

RID: Règlement international concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail)

IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

DOT: US Department of Transportation

IATA: International Air Transport Association

IATA-DGR: Dangerous Goods Regulations by the "International Air Transport Association" (IATA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAO-TI: Technical Instructions by the "International Civil Aviation Organization" (ICAO)

GHS: Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)

HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)

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